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SUBJECT: CSCE: CYPRIOT CREDENTIALS

REFS: (A) STATE 83807; (B) GENEVA 2113

1. TURKISH EMBASSY COUNSELOR CALLED AT DEPARTMENT (EUR/SE)
ON INSTRUCTIONS APRIL 24 TO DELIVER AIDE MEMOIRE ANDMAKE
ORAL PRESENTATION OF TURKISH VIEWS REGARDINGCYPRUSREPRE-
SENTATION AT STAGE III OF CSCE SIMILAR TO ARGUMENT CONTAINED
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IN BENLER'S LETTER TO CSCE DELEGATION HEADS (REF B).SIGNIF-

ICANT POINTS IN AIDE MEMOIRE ARE: (A) TURKISH GOVERNMENT CANNOT "ACCEPT IN SILENCE... THE GRAVE POSSIBILITY OF ILLEGAL AND ILLEGITIMATE PARTICIPATION OF THE LEADERS OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY OR OTHER EMISSARIES IN THE THIRD PHASE OF THE CONFERENCE;" AND (B) GOT BELIEVES QUESTION OF CYPRIOT CREDENTIALS MUST BE CONSIDERED BY CSCE "IF NOT IMMEDIATELY, AT LEAST PRIOR TO THE TERMINATION OF THE SECOND PHASE OF THE CONFERENCE." AIDE MEMOIRE BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES.

2. DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL ATTEMPTED TO DRAW TURKISH COUNSELOR OUT ON QUESTION OF WHETHER GOT MIGHT BE WILLING TO ACCEPT SOME PRAGMATIC SOLUTION TO CREDENTIALS QUESTION WHICH WOULD ALLOW TURKEY TO STATE ITS POSITION FOR THE RECORD WITHOUT

CREATING MAJOR ISSUE FOR CSCE. COUNSELOR RESPONDED THAT HE HAD LITTLE INFORMATION ON THIS POINT BUT THOUGHT PERSONALLY THAT GOT TAKES MATTER SERIOUSLY ENOUGH TO WISH SOMETHING MORE THAN PRO FORMA STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD IN GENEVA.

3. IN REPLY TO TURKISH DEMARCHE, DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL FOLLOWED CLOSELY POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL A, EMPHASIZING: (A) SINCE US RECOGNIZES GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS AS LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS, WE CANNOT BE ASSOCIATED WITH EFFORT QUESTIONING GOC CREDENTIALS AT CSCE OR IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA; AND (B) USG HOPES THAT GOT WILL NOT BURDEN CSCE, WHICH IS SEIZED OF SUBSTANTIVE EAST/WEST QUESTIONS, WITH THIS ISSUE.

4. DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL CONCLUDED THAT IF GOT NONETHELESS DECIDES TO MAKE MAJOR EFFORT ON ISSUE OF CYPRUS' REPRESENTATION, US WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED IN ADVANCE. KISSINGER

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